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Energy Sector

1. *August 4, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island; Massachusetts) **Powerful storms topple trees that kill driver, hurt campers.** Severe storms that produced heavy winds, widespread hail, and lightning across southern New England knocked out power to approximately 150,000 customers August 4. The storms also left at least 9 people injured at a campsite in Burlingame State Park in Charlestown, Rhode Island.
Source: http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/state/campers-hurt-k-customers-lose-power-after-thunderstorms/article_9f133b69-e442-59ce-8476-c008f74a8baf.html
2. *August 4, New York Times* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma acts to limit earthquake risk at oil and gas wells.** Oklahoma regulators announced August 3 new requirements demanding a 38 percent reduction in wastewater disposal for 23 injection wells in a 40-mile earthquake zone between Oklahoma City and Stillwater in response to a growing trend of earthquakes linked to increased hydraulic fracturing.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/05/us/oklahoma-acts-to-limit-earthquake-risk-at-oil-and-gas-wells.html?_r=0

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *August 4, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **South Florida developers plundered money meant for housing poor, U.S. says.** Two officers at the Miami-based Carlisle Development Group and 4 others were charged August 4 for allegedly stealing \$36 million in U.S. tax credits from 14 government-subsidized low-income housing projects in Miami-Dade County by inflating construction costs of rental properties to secure higher tax credit amounts while receiving kickbacks from contractors.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article29949909.html>

Transportation Systems Sector

4. *August 5, CBS News; Associated Press* – (Washington) **Entire town evacuated due to Washington state wildfire.** A section of State Route 14 in Klickitat County was closed August 5 due to a fast moving grass fire that prompted a mandatory evacuation for the entire town of Roosevelt and destroyed and threatened several structures.
Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/entire-town-evacuated-due-to-washington-state-wildfire/>
5. *August 4, KNSD 39 San Diego* – (California) **Spilled paint slows SR-94 at SR-15.** The ramp from southbound Interstate 15 to westbound State Route 94 in San Diego was closed for several hours August 4 while crews cleaned the roads after several buckets of white roof coating paint fell from a truck and spilled onto the roadway. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Spilled-Paint-Slows-State-Route-94-at-State-Route-15-320617582.html>
6. *August 4, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **The latest: New Jersey Turnpike reopens after fatal accident.** A stretch of the New Jersey Turnpike in Linden reopened August 4 after being shut down for approximately 12 hours while crews responded to a fire that ignited after a semi-truck struck an overpass and killed 1 person. Crews deactivated and removed power lines that ran under the roadway and were compromised in the accident.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-power-lines-turnpike-accident-shut-off-32885103>

Food and Agriculture Sector

7. *August 4, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Bird flu quarantines being lifted.** Iowa officials reported August 4 that 69 of the 77 bird flu quarantine zones in the State were in the process of being lifted, and only 8 other farms remain under quarantine in Adair, Clay, Sioux, Webster, and Wright counties.
Source: <http://www.cbs2iowa.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/Bird-Flu-Quarantines-Being-Lifted-180369.shtml>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

8. *August 4, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **200K gallons of sewage spilled in Florissant main break.** Crews worked to clean up a sewer main break in Florissant that spilled approximately 200,000 gallons of sewage into a tributary that flows into Coldwater Creek, impacting nearly 1,200 feet of the waterway August 3. There was no immediate threat to public health or safety, and signs were posted in the affected areas.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/08/04/200k-gallons-of-sewage-spilled-in-florissant-main-break/31108255/>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

9. *August 5, Columbus Dispatch* – (National) **Central Ohio hospitals fined for too many readmissions of Medicare patients.** The Federal government released findings and announced that 38 hospitals in the U.S. will be docked 3 percent of its Medicare reimbursement for readmitting too many patients. Regulators also penalized about 2,665 hospitals nationwide with fines totaling approximately \$40 million for the readmission of patients.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/08/04/readmission-penalties-for-hospitals.html>

Government Facilities Sector

10. *August 5, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Water main break in Fort Lee forces school, summer camp closures.** Summer schools, pre-schools, and summer camps in Fort Lee, New Jersey, were forced to close August 5 following water main breaks August 4 in Cliffside Park and Fort Lee that impacted water pressure in surrounding towns.
Source: http://www.nj.com/bergen/index.ssf/2015/08/water_main_breaks_in_fort_lee_cliffside_park_impac.html
11. *August 4, Washington Examiner* – (National) **Labor Department vulnerable to data breach.** The inspector general's office released a report August 4 which found several cybersecurity gaps in the U.S. Department of Labor's information security program, including serious control deficiencies in how the department handles its personal identity verification (PIV) cards and related systems, as well as a lack of a system to lock out individuals after multiple unsuccessful log-in attempts, among other findings. The report stated that the department was made aware of the findings and continues to work to address the issues.
Source: <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/labor-department-vulnerable-to-data-breach/article/2569530>
12. *August 4, CNN* – (California) **Thousands abandon homes as California fires spread.** Crews reached 20 percent containment August 4 of the 67,000-acre Rocky Fire that destroyed 24 homes and 26 outbuildings in Lake, Yolo, and Colusia counties. Nearly 10,000 firefighters are continuing to battle the 22 wildfires in the State which have burned over 134,000 acres.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/04/us/california-wildfires/>
13. *August 4, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Sheriff: 2 men fire at soldiers in Mississippi; no injuries.** Mississippi's National Guard secured Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center near Hattiesburg August 4 after two men fired gunshots from a vehicle at soldiers in the training area. Authorities are searching for the two suspects and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20150804/news/150809622/>
14. *August 4, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Phillips Creek Fire prompts evacuation notices in northeastern Oregon.** Crews reached 2 percent containment August 4 of

the Phillips Creek Fire that burned through 1,100 acres near the town of Elgin, and prompted a Level 1 evacuation for residents.

Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/29706360/philips-creek-fire-forces-evacuations-in-northeastern-oregon>

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Emergency Services Sector

15. *August 4, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Maryland man charged for firebombing Virginia corrections center.** Officials reported August 3 that a Maryland man was charged in connection to a 2012 firebombing of the Loudoun County Community Corrections Center in Virginia where the man and a co-conspirator threw Molotov cocktails at the facility, causing a fire that left over \$300,000 in damages.

Source: <http://www.newsplex.com/home/headlines/Maryland-Man-Charged-for-Firebombing-Virginia-Corrections-Center-320622602.html>

For additional stories, see items [12](#) and [18](#)

Information Technology Sector

16. *August 5, Securityweek* – (International) **Symantec patches critical vulnerabilities in Endpoint Protection.** Security researchers from Code White discovered 6 vulnerabilities in Symantec Endpoint Protection (SEP) 12.1, including an authentication bypass, 3 path traversals, a privilege escalation, multiple structured query language (SQL) injections, and a high severity binary planting flaw which could allow an unauthenticated attacker to execute arbitrary commands on the SEP Manager (SEPM) server and on SEP clients running Microsoft Windows. Symantec released a patch addressing the vulnerabilities and users are urged to update their SEP installations.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/symantec-patches-critical-vulnerabilities-endpoint-protection>

17. *August 5, Securityweek* – (International) **“Man-in-the-Cloud” attacks leverage storage services to steal data.** Findings from Imperva’s latest Hacker Intelligence Initiative report revealed that attackers can abuse popular cloud storage services for command and control (C&C) communications, endpoint hacking, remote access, and data exfiltration via Man-in-the-Cloud (MITC) techniques in which they access and decrypt stored user synchronization tokens.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/man-cloud-attacks-leverage-storage-services-steal-data>

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Communications Sector

18. *August 5, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (National) **AT&T blames cellphone outage on hardware.** Multiple carriers worked to restore wireless and wireline services August 4 after a hardware-related network issue caused a major outage in parts of the Southeast, including areas in Indiana, Kentucky, Alabama, and Tennessee. MetroSafe activated its emergency procedures to assist police departments in Jefferson Counties and surrounding counties in Kentucky that might have been affected by the outages.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2015/08/05/hardware-blamed-cellphone-outage/31153921/>

Commercial Facilities Sector

19. *August 5, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Deadly fire claims four children in Osage Beach.** Four children were killed in an August 4 fire at the Compass Pointe condominium complex in Osage Beach, prompting the evacuation of other buildings in the complex. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/08/05/deadly-fire-claims-four-children-in-osage-beach/31149535/>
20. *August 5, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **11 families evacuated in Berks County apartment fire.** Approximately 35 residents were evacuated and displaced August 5 from the Shillington Commons Apartments in Cumru Township, Pennsylvania, due to a multi-alarm fire. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-berks/11-families-evacuated-in-berks-county-apartment-fire/34546646>
21. *August 4, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Fire destroys NJ apartment complex.** Twenty residents from the Twinbrook Village Apartments complex in Ocean Township were displaced following an August 4 fire that damaged several apartments and prompted an evacuation of the complex.
Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/story/29707150/major-fire-at-nj-apartment-complex>
22. *August 4, KNSD 39 San Diego* – (California) **Popular Vietnamese sandwich shop catches fire.** San Diego-based K Sandwiches was deemed a total loss after suffering an estimated \$1.5 million in damages due to an August 4 fire that began in the oven of the restaurant.
Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Popular-Vietnamese-Sandwich-Shop-Catches-Fire--320715941.html>

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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